

U.S. Should Not Give Billions More in Aid to Pakistan Without Accountability, Says Democratic Senator

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Holbrooke claimed that President Barack Obama does have a comprehensive plan that includes building roads and clinics, increasing educational opportunities, and stabilizing the government so it can survive as a democracy.

“Senator, I am deeply troubled by what you said,” Holbrooke responded to Menendez’s remarks, adding that Obama laid out the plan in a Mar. 27 speech at the White House where he vowed to defeat terrorists in Afghanistan and Pakistan, including al Qaeda.

When asked by CNSNews.com as he left the hearing about the U.S. State Department’s 2008 Human Rights Report and the 2008 **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom** document about ongoing human and religious rights abuses, including “extrajudicial killings, torture and disappearances” in Pakistan, Menendez said those facts reflect his concerns about the Kerry-Lugar Bill, which was introduced this week.